

[Handwritten signature]

PATENT

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent application of : Attorney Docket No.:
Joseph M. Nichols, Jr. *et al.* : 6232-249 (190364)
Serial No.: 10/691,850 : Group Art Unit:
Filed: October 23, 2003 : 3654
For: System for Coupling Roller Shade Tubes : Examiner:
Not yet assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §§ 1.95(e) and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the cited documents is attached, if required.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)	
I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
BY	<u><i>Katie Keogh</i></u>
DATE:	<u>April 1, 2005</u>

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the references contained in this Information Disclosure were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure.

Accordingly, no fee is required. However, if a fee is due, please charge, or credit any overcharge to, Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

IDENTIFICATION OF REFERENCES AND CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF REFERENCES NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The following references were cited in the Search Report on the corresponding International Patent Application:

Foreign documents

DE 35 00 611 A1
DE 93 18 455 U1
DE 195 46 203 C1
EP 0 301 666 A

The relevance of the above-mentioned foreign documents is set forth in the International Search Report filed concurrently with this Information Disclosure Statement (M.P.E.P. 609A(3)).

The examiner is respectfully requested to review each of the above-identified references and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609. It is requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute Form 1449, and return one copy to Applicant's undersigned representative.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that the references are material or that no better art exists.

Respectfully submitted,

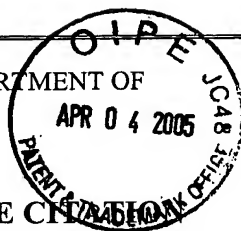
JOSEPH M. NICHOLS, JR. *et al.*

BY: 

GREGORY J. LAVORGNA
Registration No. 30,469
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
One Logan Square
18th and Cherry Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19103-6996
Tel: 215-988-3309
Fax: 215-988-2757

Attorney for Applicants

SUBSTITUTE FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



ATTY. DOCKET NO.
6232-249 (190364)

SERIAL NO.
10/691,850

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATIONS

APPLICANT:
Joseph M. Nichols, Jr. *et al.*

FILING DATE
October 23, 2003

GROUP
3654

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLA SS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	AA						
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	AG	DE 35 00 611 A1	July 17, 1986	DE	E 04 F 10	02		X
	AH	DE 93 18 455 U1	January 27, 1994	DE	E 04 F 10	02		X
	AI	DE 195 46 203 C1	March 13, 1997	DE	E 06 B 9	68		X
	AJ	EP 0 301 666	February 1, 1989	EP	E 06 B 9	174		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

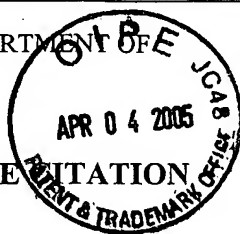
	AK	
	AL	
	AM	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

SUBSTITUTE FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



ATTY. DOCKET NO.
6232-249 (190364)

SERIAL NO.
10/691,850

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

APPLICANT:
Joseph M. Nichols, Jr. et al.

FILING DATE
October 23, 2003

GROUP
3654

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLA SS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	AA						
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	AG	DE 35 00 611 A1	July 17, 1986	DE	E 04 F 10	02		X
	AH	DE 93 18 455 U1	January 27, 1994	DE	E 04 F 10	02		X
	AI	DE 195 46 203 C1	March 13, 1997	DE	E 06 B 9	68		X
	AJ	EP 0 301 666	February 1, 1989	EP	E 06 B 9	174		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AK	
AL	
AM	
EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
<p>EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</p>	